

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Amendment filed: January 24, 2007

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 8 as follows:

By the term "the (meth)acrylic acid polymer (b2)" is meant herein polymers predominantly containing acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid. Examples of the (meth)acrylic acid polymer (b2) include polymers of (meth)acrylic acid, polymers of (meth)acrylic ethyl ester or butyl ester, polymers of (meth)acrylic butyl ester, a copolymer with (meth)acrylic amide and a monomer copolymerizable therewith, and polymers of alkali metal salts of (meth)acrylic acid or ammonium salt and polymers of ammonium salts of (meth)acrylic acid.